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Emergency lighting system

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Notbeleuchtungssystem

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Système d'éclairage de secours

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: GB2331390A] An emergency lighting system capable of performing self-testing comprises a main power supply 12 and a plurality of lighting units 10 each having mains failure circuitry to monitor the main supply and to connect the lighting unit for operation to an auxiliary power supply in the event of failure of the main power supply. Each lighting unit further includes a testing circuit operative, on receipt of a command, to assess the condition of operational readiness of the lighting unit. A signal line 16 connects a control unit 14 to the testing circuit of one or more of the lighting units. In operation, the control unit 14 applies signals to the signal line 16 and detects signals which have been applied to the signal line by a testing circuit. Each one of the testing circuits is identified as from the others by an address. On detection of a signal indicating its address on the signal line, each testing circuit applies to the signal line a signal indicative of the operational readiness of the associated lighting unit. The control unit 14 can selectively disable connection to the auxiliary power supply in unoccupied areas, to save power.

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